



BEDFORD COMMUTERS ASSOCIATION

THE RAIL USER GROUP FOR BEDFORD AND FLITWICK

CAMPAIGNING FOR YOU

EMT Franchise Consultation

BEDFORD EMT SERVICES WILL BE AFFECTED

Public Consultation from July 20th to October 11th 2017.

We have looked at the document. As a result of these proposals Bedford will lose its direct Inter City Services to/from Leicester and the north. Bedford would only be served by the St Pancras to Corby service and would be operated by Long Distance Electric Commuter trains of up to 12 carriages.

For those who use EMT services could you please let us know your views on the possibility of travelling on a Long Distance Electric Commuter Train instead of an Inter City train by emailing to: admin@bedfordcommuters.org.uk. The new trains maybe slower and less comfortable. Any other views would be kindly accepted.

For those who use EMT services northbound from Bedford we would strongly urge you to respond individually to this consultation indicating that you DO NOT AGREE with ceasing to stop InterCity services at Bedford. Any views please email to: admin@bedfordcommuters.org.uk

We would also urge everyone to individually respond to the Consultation Document and write to their MP.

The document [Future of East Midlands Rail Franchise](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-east-midlands-rail-franchise) can be found at:

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REMEMBER ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RETURNED BY 11TH OCTOBER 2017.

We strongly oppose any proposal that means Inter City services will no longer stop at Bedford

The BCA requirements for the new franchise are:

1. A half hourly fast service to/from London St Pancras from first train to last.
2. A half hourly direct service to/from Leicester and the north from first train to last.
3. More new good quality Rolling Stock to provide extra capacity.
4. A robust contingency plan to cover for train cancellations.

Help us ensure that Intercity Train Services continue to serve Bedford BOTH Northbound and Southbound.